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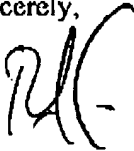
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Please enter in this replacement page 1 to accompany the Office Action Response filed by U.S. Mail on March 31, 2003.

This duplicate page is sent to confirm that this Response, on behalf of Patent Application 09/310,598, was filed on March 31st, and not April 31st, as erroneously printed on the Certificate.

Receipt of the above-referenced Office Action Response, postmarked 3/31/03, in the next several days will confirm that this was a typographical error. Therefore, a Petition for Extension of Time should be unnecessary.

Sincerely,



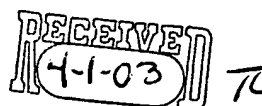
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Serial No.: 09/310,598 Group Art Unit: 2634
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By: 

Robert J. Crawford

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 31, 2002, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks:

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The non-final Office Action also presented the following four rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and each based on a combination of two references *Berthoumieux et al.* (EP Patent No. 0 447 302) in view of *Scott* (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,980); specifically, the Office Action maintained that: claims 1-4 and 7-10 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Berthoumieux* in view of *Scott*; claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable